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ABSTRACT

This year, 1992, marks the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's first voyage to the Americas. Much discussion, debate, and celebration of the historical significance of the quincentenary will occur. This directory of events, contacts, and activities pertaining to the quincentenary seeks to foster these various endeavors. Among the subjects listed in the directory are quincentenary organizations; miscellaneous organizations; conferences; exhibitions; film, radio and television productions; guides; legislation; libraries; magazines; museums, maritime projects, performing arts; educational programs; and research. (DB)

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OVERVIEW

The quincentennial anniversary of Christopher Columbus' first voyage to this hemisphere will be celebrated and commemorated worldwide in 1992, particularly by the United States and countries in Europe and the Caribbean. A multitude of activities is planned, ranging from exhibits to television specials. The range of activities will illustrate how complex and widespread the impact of the Columbian voyages were in 1492 and how this impact has had lingering effects.

For librarians and educators, the quincentenary offers several opportunities for innovative, creative, and educational programs about this period in history. First of all, this anniversary is expected to be observed over an extended period of time, beginning in 1991 and up through the early part of 1993. Of course, the fall of 1992 will contain the heaviest innudation of materials and activities. In addition to this, the summer olympics in Barcelona, Spain and the international exposition in Seville, Spain in 1992 will be reinforcing attention on the quincentenary. Furthermore, this observance will enhance the study of geography and history, since there will be countless number of activities which will focus on certain aspects of these subjects.

Due to the extraordinary amount of focus which this event is expected to bring, there will be much backlash. Not everyone will be enthusiastic about a "celebration" and the indirect glorification of Columbus. Numerous groups, particularly those representing blacks and Native Americans, have condemned the quincentenary on the grounds that the Columbian voyages resulted in the oppression, exploitation, and enslavement of non-European groups in this hemisphere. The National Council of Churches, at a prior meeting of its Governing Board, has adopted a resolution entitled "A Faithful Response to the 500th Anniversary of the Arrival of Christopher Columbus," which states that a renewed commitment to freedom for oppressed groups should supplant a celebration of the voyage. The American Library Association has also passed a resolution; it urges libraries to provide quincentenary programs and materials which examine this historical event from a Native American perspective.

Other groups will not be opposed to the quincentenary in principle, but to the lavish expenditures of funds and heavy focus on this event. These people feel that weightier issues, such as the

homeless and world hunger, will be put on the back burner while the public engages in quincentennial activities and celebrations.

How should one approach the quincentenary in a manner which will be inclusive of different cultural and ethnic groups? For starters, the word "celebration" is such a loaded term, and perhaps its use should be minimized. The merging of cultures from Europe with those from North America, Asia, and Africa have resulted in an exchange in which people from the affected groups made beneficial contributions but also suffered in the process.

In 1492, the enounter of the European explorers with the indigenous population of North America was not an one-sided affair with one group completely dominating the other. At the moment of encounter, there were civilizations in this continent which had flourished for a great period of time before the Columbian voyages. The intermingling of the European settlers with Native Americans and later with Africans and Asians resulted in a transfer of cultural, scientific, and technical information which radically changed and impacted the course of history.

The quincentenary needs not be a glorification of Columbus. It is an opportunity for multiculturalism to really excel as the history and culture of various groups are highlighted. Native Americans, Asians, Africans, and Europeans shared in the developement of this hemisphere; the quincentenary is just as much their story as it is for anyone.

To aid in this endeavor, a directory of events, contacts, and activities pertaining to the quincentenary has been compiled. It is by no means comprehensive, for there will be a multitude of quincentennial events given by innumerable groups. The primary purposes of this directory are to list special activities and to provide a guide of resources and contacts. A secondary purpose is to assist in the planning of innovative programs, displays, and special projects.

The quincentenary is so multifaceted. Several fields of study and interest can be involved. Food, dance, art, music, religion, government, and biology are just a few subjects which can be highlighted. This directory illustrates how historical events are

interrelated with cultural and scientific developments. Because of the uniqueness of this historical event, programs can be tailored to meet various needs and interests.

Hopefully, this guide will serve as a springboard for a number of innovations and resources. Special care has been implemented so that the directory will be resourceful and informative. Except for a few entries, phone numbers have been included. Description of events include enough information so that one can make an informed decision whether or not these would be beneficial. Librarians may find this guide helpful in obtaining vertical file materials, answering reference questions, and planning programs or displays. In a similar manner, teachers will benefit from this guide as they make lesson plans, arrange field trips, devise a curriculum, and enhance the study of this period of history.

What should be apparent after browsing through this guide is that the quincentenary will be a period of enrichment, critical analysis, and consciousness. Teachers and librarians will have a vital role in making this observance a positive and relevant experience for students and patrons. It can be a period of renewal as historical events are reexamined in light of recent research and publications. Also, it can be a time of reflection as the past is remembered and the future is pondered with greater awareness and sensitivity.

In one sense, this historical event unleashes many blessings. By the end of 1992, there will be a heightened sense of awareness by the general public of the ramifications of the voyages and the legacies which resulted. This will be largely due to the protests and other forms of dissent as various opposing groups try to "set the record straight" about Columbus. In the process, hard core myths will be dispelled, such as the prevailing ones that Columbus "discovered" America and that he was trying to prove that the earth was round. In their places will be planted new perspectives and interpretations about this event.

In preparation for the quincentenary, librarians should evaluate their collection now to determine how diverse it is. Are there materials critical of Columbus' actions? How balanced are the biographical and geographical materials? Are there sufficient

materials which highlight Native American culture and civilization during Columbus' time or which address how slavery was introduced to this hemisphere after the first voyage. Efforts to address various aspects of the quincentenary will be diminished if the resource materials are void on the above issues.

In the months to come, the public will be innudated with the quincentenary-from commercial products to gala affairs. The depth of focus will be similar to that generated in 1976 when the United States celebrated its bicentennial. However, one should be reminded that the quincentenary entails more than a commemoration of Columbus' voyages. That is the tip of the iceberg. It is true that Columbus was a man of vision and determination; his maritime skills brought fame and fortune to him and to his country. The course of history was changed radically as a consequence of the Columbian voyages. The positive and negative aspects of this encounter must be fully explored. By doing this, one will not make the quincentenary into an one-dimensional affair, but into one which will be a relevant and truly educational experience.

Public Law 98-375
(Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Act)
98th Congress
August 7, 1984

PURPOSE

This law establishes the Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission to commemorate the historical voyage of Christopher Columbus by coordinating national events and affairs.

FINDINGS

Congress has declared that October 12, 1992 is the five hundredth anniversary of Christopher Columbus' voyages of discovery. The governments and people of Spain and Italy should be commended for their historic roles and contributions to these voyages. It is appropriate to celebrate and commemorate this anniversary through local, national, and international observances planned and encouraged by a national commission representative of appropriate individuals and authorities from public and private organizations.

COMPOSITION OF COMMISSION

There are to be thirty members of the commission, and they are to serve without compensation. Seven members are to be appointed by the President upon the recommendation of the Senate majority leader while seven others are to be appointed upon the recommendation of the speaker of the House. Ten other members are to be appointed by the President, and they are to be broadly representative of the general population. These ten members cannot be employees of the federal government. Other members of the commission are as follow: Secretary of State, Archivist of the United States, Librarian of Congress, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Secretary of Commerce. Representatives from Spain and Italy have nonvoting positions.

DUTIES

The commission is to prepare a comprehensive program to commemorate the quincentenary, to plan and encourage observances and activities, and to serve as a central clearinghouse for information.

FUNDING

Donations can be accepted, but they cannot exceed $25,000 from individuals and $50,000 from groups. Otherwise, the commission is to receive $220,000 per fiscal year beginning in September and ending October 1, 1992. A sum of $20,000 is to be granted for the period October 1, 1992 to November 15, 1992. The grand total should not exceed $2,000,000.

TERMINATION

The final report from the commission is due no later than November 15, 1992, after which date the commission will no longer operate. Any remaining property acquired by the commission may be used by the Secretary of the Interior for purposes by the National Park Service.

NATIONAL QUINCENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission
1801 F Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 632-1992

Established by Congress in 1984, this is an independent presidential advisory commission. The purpose of this commission is to prepare a program for commemorating the quincentenary. Also, the commission is to encourage and coordinate observances and activities by other groups.

In addition to the above, the commission will make specific recommendations for appropriate activities for the quincentenary and to assist all groups and individuals interested in celebrating this event. Legislative and administrative actions necessary for the commemoration will be conducted by the commission.

The commission has established five themes which it feels are significant for a commemoration. It advocates that federal agencies, governmental authorities, and private organizations incorporate one or more of these themes when planning programs and events. By doing so, organizations and agencies will not run the risk of having their affairs lacking in sensitivity and relevancy. The themes which the commission proposes are as follow:

1. Columbus - A man of Vision
2. Importance of contributions of immigrants from the old world (Europe, Asia, and Africa)
3. Importance of contributions of native inhabitants from the new world.
4. Sharing of heritages from both sides of the Atlantic and the common quest for freedom and democracy.
5. Achievements of the past as preludes to the future.

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Quincentenary Organizations

Academic Association for the Quincentenary
P.O. Box 9650
Washington, D.C. 20016

Clergy and Laity Concerned
Columbus in Context
198 Broadway
Suite 305
New York, NY 10038
(212) 964-6730

Christopher Columbus Philatelic Society
11252 Goodnight Lane
Suite 600
Dallas, TX 75229
(214) 241-2326

Columbus: Countdown 1992
166-25 Powells Cove Blvd.
Beechhurst, NY 11357
(718) 767-8380

Discovery of America Quincentennial Committee Inc.
4011 West Flager St.
Suite 503
Miami, FL 33134
(305) 541-5023

International Columbian Quincentenary Alliance Ltd.
Box 1492
Columbus, NJ 08022
(609) 859-3159

Library of Congress
Quincentenary Program ("An Ongoing Voyage")
Adams Building, Room G-1008
Washington, D. C. 20540
(202) 707-1992

National Endowment for the Humanities
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20506
(202) 786-0438

National Gallery of Art
4th Street at Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20565
(202) 842-6353

National Hispanic Quincentennial Commission
810 First Street, N.W., 3rd Floor
Washington, D.C. 20002
(202) 289-1661

National Italian American Foundation
666 Eleventh St., N.W.
Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20001
(202) 638-0220

National Trust for Historic Preservation
Columbus Quincentenary
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 673-4212

Organization of American States
1889 F Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 458-3908

Project Sepharad
American Sephardi Federation
515 Park Avenue
Suite 515
New York, NY 10022
(212) 308-3455

Smithsonian Institution
Office of Quincentenary Programs
International Center, Room 3123
Washington, D.C. 20560
(202) 357-4281

Spain 92 Foundation
1821 Jefferson Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 775-1992

University of California, Los Angeles
1992 Quincentenary Programs
1100 Glendon Avenue
Suite 1548
Los Angeles, CA 90024
(213) 825-3101

United States Information Agency
301 4th Street, S.W.
Room 849
Washington, D.C. 20547
(202) 485-8603

Special Note: Many states, cities, and major universities have quincentenary commissions. For information about activities and events which they have planned, one should contact the following:

States: Historical Commission, Department of Cultural Arts, Humanities Council, or the office of the Governor.
Cities: Public Information Office, Recreation or Leisure Services Department, or the office of the Mayor.
Universities: Public Information Office , History Department, or the office of the President.

Miscellaneous Organizations

Even though the primary focus of the following organizations does not pertain to the quincentenary, more than likely they will be commemorating it in some manner.

American Italian Congress
111 Columbia Heights
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 852-2929

Caribbean Tourism Association
20 East 46th Street
New York, NY 10017
(212) 682-0435

Daughters of Isabella, International Circle
375 Whitney Avenue
New Haven, CT 06511
(203) 865-2570

Italian American Cultural Society
28111 Imperial
Warren, MI 48093
(303) 751-2855

Knights of Columbus
1 Columbus Plaza
New Haven, CT 06507
(203) 772-2130

Knights of Peter Claver
1825 Orleans Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70116
(504) 821-4225

National Geographic Society
17th & M Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 828-6688

National Institute of Archeology
P.O. Box 690
Washington, D.C. 20044
(202) 333-1492

Order of the Alhambra
4200 Leeds Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21229
(301) 242-0660

Society for Spanish & Portuguese Historical Studies
College of Holy Cross
Box 192A
Worcester, MA 01610
(508) 793-2781

United Italian American League
210 E. 61st St.
New York, NY 10021
(212) 486-6661

U. S. Department of Commerce
Herbert C. Hoover Building
14th & Constitution Ave., N.W.
Room 1865
Washington, D.C. 20230
(202) 377-0140

U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
Room 7234 A/Bureau PA
Washington, D.C. 20520
(202) 647-7416

U.S. Department of the Interior
National Park Service
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, D.C. 20013
(202) 342-7069

PROJECTS AND RESOURCES

Athletic Events

Columbus Bowl
International Sports Connection
228 B South Fifth Street
Gadsden, AL 35901
(205) 547-4860

Teams playing American style football will embark on a 14 day tour to Barcelona, Genoa, and Seville in 1992. Half-time ceremonies for each game will convey a message of awareness, education, and commemoration, all of which will correlate with the goals of the Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission. The recruited football teams in the series will train in Europe.

Conferences

Columbus Quincentenary Conference
Christopher Newport College
Newport News, VA 23606
(804) 594-7015
October 7-10, 1992

This conference is co-sponsored by the Mariners' Museum of Virginia. The subtopics to be discussed include the following: Columbus and his world, maritime life, ethnohistory of 16th century North American Indians, and consequences of the Columbian voyages.

"Glory and Universalism: Spain, Portugal, and the Americas"
George Washington University
Washington, D.C. 20052
(202) 994-8653
Fall, 1991

Conference of scholars from Europe and the U.S. in the field

of Hispanic culture. The purposes of this conference are to encourage international communication and to foster familiarity with legacy of Latin American civilizations. Latin American paintings and sculptures from the 17th and 18th centuries will be featured.

International Geographical Congress
Washington, D.C.
(202) 828-6688
August 9-14, 1992

Coinciding with the quincentennial anniversary and the International Space Year, the congress will provide an opportunity for geographers to meet and shre ideas with scholars from other countries. The discussion and debate on issues will increase cross-cultural understandings of how people live and work and how societies utilize their resources.

Education

Columbus Scholars Program
Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission
1801 F Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 632-1992

Five hundred high school juniors, chosen from each congressional district and other countries, will attend the New World Summer Session, a series of seminars to take place at an university in the United States. Approximately 100 of these students will be awarded a full four-year scholarship at a college of their choice in the United States. The aim is to create a group of talented individuals who will be capable of leading the nation to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Ibero-American Heritage in the U.S.
New York State Department of Education
Albany, NY 12234
(518) 474-5836

The aim of this program is to produce a system wide curriculum guide to integrate the study of Ibero-American culture into education departments. This effort is being speaheaded by the New York State Education Department, six other states, Spain, and four Latin American countries.

Mast Academy
3979 Rickenbacker Causeway
Miami, FL 33149
(305) 995-7264

A marine theme magnet high school offering courses for college bound students and vocational students with an emphasis on science technology and maritime vocation. The maritime aspects of the quincentenary will be highlighted in the curriculum, and the school will have an educational foundation.

Exhibitions

"Age of Exploration"
National Archives
8th at Pennsylvania, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20408
(202) 502-5200

Using the theme of American exploration of new frontiers as its topic, the exhibit will examine the exploration of the West, polar exploration expeditions, and space exploration. The exhibit will be housed in the Circular Gallery from October, 1992 through December, 1993.

"AmeriFlora '92"
1995 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43209
(614) 645-1992

This international floral and garden exhibition is scheduled to run April through October in 1992. About 40 nations will participate with pavilions and exhibits depicting the flora and horticulture of their area as well as their culture, history, and cuisine.

"Celebrating the Quincentenary: Wildlife Conservation in Americas"
Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission
1801 F Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 632-1992

Developed by the Center for Environmental Education (a private nonprofit marine conservation organization), this project aims to educate the public about spectacular wildlife of the Americas and the need to protect these species. The main event will be a

travelling exhibition of reproduction of text and pictorial records dating from the early voyages of Columbus.

Christopher Columbus Center for Marine Research and Exploration
16 South Calvert Street
Suite 1000
Baltimore, MD 21202
(301) 752-7375

Scheduled to open in 1992, the center will host exhibits focusing on marine and maritime life. The Center for Marine Biotechnology will be the nation's leading research institute in the field and will be the centerpiece of the project.

"Colopex 1992"
Columbus Philatelic Club
Box 3128
Columbus, OH 43210
(614) 457-1150

The quincentenary will be the theme of the 1992 annual exhibit. There will be a Columbian Court of Honor containing several exhibits, including one about 1892-93 Columbian stamps.

"Familia Y Fe"
National Hispanic Quincentennial Commission
810 First Street, N.E., 3rd Floor
Washington, D.C. 20002
(202) 289-1661

An exhibit to be shown at four sites in the United States in 1992. The Smithsonian Institution and the Museum of American Folk Art are working with this commission on this exhibit.

"Hulama, the American Ball Game Before Columbus"
117 Sullivan Street
New York, NY 10012

A multimedia sculpture combining six large sculptures of hammered copper, iron, and rubber, representing equipment and accoutrements used in the game of hulama (which means rubber ball game in the ancient Aztec language of Nahuatl). The sculptures and films of surviving versions of hulama as it is still played in remote villages of Mexico will be exhibited in the United States, Barcelona, Mexico City, Puerto Rico, and cities in Europe.

"Images of Man: Ancient Art of the Americas"
National Association of Private Art Foundations
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Suite 400
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 745-1700

A travelling exhibit of approximately 120 objects, representing a wide variety of cultures predating 1492. Scheduled to open in 1990 and continuing through 1992, this exhibit will go to several cities in the United States and abroad.

"Living Museum"
Smithsonian Institution
Smithsonian Quincentennial Program
1000 Jefferson, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20560
(202) 357-1300

This exhibition will examine the musical, artistic, culinary and ritual expression associated with the production and utilization of plants by indigenous populations. Teacher training workshops and exhibition program books will accompany the radio programs which will be produced for this project.

"Maps and the Columbian Encounter
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
American Geographical Society Collection
Office for Map History
P.O. Box 399
Milwaukee, WI 53201
(414) 229-3800

This exhibition is to be a collection of rare maps from the age of Columbus. The maps will be presented in historical context and as records of contemporary perceptions and technologies. This exhibition will run until the end of 1992 with facsimile exhibitions at various sites through the central part of the United States to begin in 1990.

"Mosaic: The Jewish Experience in Florida"
University of Miami
Director of Judaic Studies
Coral Gables, FL 33124
(305) 284-4375

This exhibition documenting Jewish history in Florida and emphasizing the Hispanic links will be displayed in eight communities in Florida from 1990-1992.

"Pledge of Allegiance Exhibit"
National Archives
7th & Pennsylvania, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20408
(202) 501-5200

The centennial anniversary of this oath, which was composed for the 400th anniversary of Columbus' voyage, will occur in 1992. There will be a display in the Rotunda Lobby of documents relating to the pledge. If funds permit, on October 12, 1992 students will be led in a nationally televised recitation of the pledge and will be given a facsimile of the pledge.

"Portugal-Brazil: The Age of Atlantic Discoveries"
The Brazilian Cultural Foundation
100 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10017
(212) 661-9860

This exhibition, hosted in association with the New York Public Library, will open in June, 1992. The exhibition catalogue, with its illustrations of 180 objects to be shown, will include essays dealing with the politics of the discoveries, scientific context of the discoveries, art of celestial navigation, and the impact of the encounter.

"Seeds of Change"
Smithsonian Insitution
Museum of Natural History
Constitution Avenue at 10th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20560
(202) 357-2081

The impact during the encounter, as it relates to agricultural products will be examined in this exhibition of seven hundred

objects. In conjunction with this exhibition on the ecological exchanges and environmental consequences of the Columbian voyages, the Museum will sponsor a symposium and produce a publication, which will incorporate science research of the Smithsonian into the cultural and historical emphases of the program. This exhibition represents the major quincentenary project of the museum.

Special Note: The American Library Association will develop reading programs and educational materials for public libraries based on research and information about this exhibition. A traveling version of this will be available to 60 libraries over a two-year period, beginning in early 1992.

Exposition

1992 Universal Exposition (Expo '92)
Isla de la Cartuja
Seville, Spain

This exposition will consist of over 100 pavilions built by participating countries and organizations. Four theme pavilions are to be located along the "Senda de Los Descubrimientos" (Way of Discoveries). They are: the Fifteenth Century Pavilion (focusing on the state of the world during that century), Discoveries Pavilion (discoveries made between the 16th century and the present), Navigation Pavilion (geographical explorations, scientific expeditions, naval designs, and navigational techniques), and Pavilion of the Present and the Future (achievements in the fields of energy, robotics, communications, genetic engineering, and space exploration).

Film, Radio, and Television Productions

"The Buried Mirror"
Smithsonian Institution
Office of Public Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20560
(202) 357-4281

A television series of five one-hour programs to be financed by groups of Spanish publishers, industries, and the Spanish State Company for the Quincentennial. Scheduled to premiere in the fall of 1991, this program will probably be carried by PBS in the United States.

"Columbus and the Age of Discovery"
Public Broadcasting Service
Children's and Cultural Programming
1320 Braddock Place
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 739-5000

One of four major quincentennial series to be broadcasted during 1991 and 1992, this is a seven- part, epic documentary placing the expedition in a historical perspective by examining the 15th century concepts of the world. It will also illustrate the relationship of East and West by contrasting the maritime exploration of the Chinese and the Arabs with the first European attempts.

"The Dance Project"
Public Broadcasting Service
Children's and Cultural Programming
1320 Braddock Place
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 739-5000

This eight-part, one hour show focuses on the role of dance in world culture. This is also part of PBS' quincentennial series.

"1492"
Smithsonian Institution
Smithsonian Quincentennial Program
Washington, D.C. 20560
(202) 357-4281

Produced in conjunction with Bank Street College, this interactive disc and video tape series for upper elementary grades will allow viewers to see how people lived in Spain, Latin America, and various societies during 1492.

"Millennium: Tribal Widom and the Modern World"
Public Broadcasting Service
Children's and Cultural Programming
1320 Braddock Place
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 739-5000

This title in the PBS' quincentennial series examines basic human cultural issues that face all civilizations and compares tribal to modern cultures through an examination of values and customs.

"The Other American"
Public Broadcasting Service
Children's and Cultural Programming
1320 Braddock Place
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 739-5000

This ten-part show looks at the longstanding historical, political, economic, and religious ties linking the countries of Latin America, the Caribbean, and the United States. Emphasis will be placed on the influence exerted by the interrelationship of the countries.

"Sixteenth Century Perceptions of Latin America: Civil or Savage?"
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Center for Latin America
P.O. Box 13
Milwaukee, WI 53201
(414) 229-3800

This educational video offers a revisionist view of the encounter and attempts to show ways in which perceptions can be altered by opposing arguments.

Guides

Christopher Columbus Statue Directory
286 Fenwick Avenue
Salem, NJ 08079
(609) 935-3900

This directory will list the street address of the various statues of Christopher Columbus, the date built and dedicated, and the names of sculptors.

Spanish Heritage Cultural Resources Inventory
America's National Park
P.O. Box 47
Yorktown, VA 23690

A researcher's guide of 400 pages has been published and is entitled "Preliminary Inventory of Spanish Colonial Resources Associated With National Park Services Sites and National Historic Landmarks, 1987." This publication will facilitate new research about obscure or controversial cultural resources, dating from the Spanish colonial period.

Legislation

House Joint Resolution 374
Congressman Thomas Foglietta
Chairman of the House of Representative's Task Force
on the Christopher Columbus Quincentennial
231 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-4731

A resolution to make Christopher Columbus an honorary citizen of the United States. So far, at least 53 members of Congress have co-sponsored this resolution.

Libraries

The following is a list of libraries with notable or special collections pertaining to Columbus. All major university and public libraries will have extensive materials on the subject.

Brandeis University
Goldfarb Library
Special Collections
415 South Street
Waltham, MA 02254
(617) 736-4682

This collection includes 4,000 books relating to the explorers Magellan and Columbus.

Columbus Memorial Library
Organization of American States
17th St. & Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 458-6046

Dedicated on October 12, 1892 and created by the first international conference of American states in 1890, this library has a collection of materials in various formats relating to the history and civilization of the Americas.

Library of Congress
Rare Book & Special Collection Division
Thomas Jefferson Building, Room 204
Independence Ave. at 1st St., S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20540
(202) 707-5434

The John Boyd Thacher Collection includes works about Columbus, and the Henry Harrisse Collection contains annotated copies of the author's writings on the Columbus period.

National Geographic Society Library
1146 16th St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 857-7000

Materials concerning land, sea, and space exploration are included in this library of 63,000 volumes, maps, manuscripts, and pictures.

New York Public Library
Rare Books and Manuscripts Division
5th Avenue & 42nd St.
New York, NY 10018
(212) 340-0849

This collection has the most editions of Columbus' letters.

Pennsylvania State University
Fred Lewis Pattee Library, Special Collections Dept.
University Park, PA 16802
(814) 865-5471

Papers from the Columbus family are contained on 116 microfilm reels.

Yale University
Sterling Memorial Library
Latin American Collections
New Haven, CT 06520
(203) 432-2798

The Columbus Collection contains briefs, documents, and manuscripts covering the lawsuit brought by Columbus' descendants to determine who was entitled to his estate.

Magazines

The following is a list of publications which have major coverage concerning the quincentenary.

Discovery 500 (International Columbian Quincentenary Alliance, Box 1492, Columbus, NJ 08022)

Newsletter includes news of the alliance, as well as Columbian facts, myths, controversies, and anecdotes.

Encounters: A Quincentenary Review (Latin American Institute, University of New Mexico, 801 Yale Blvd., N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87131)

Formerly called Encuentro, this journal is co-published by Spain '92 Foundation of Washington, D.C.

Five Hundred Magazine (P.O. Box 141249, Miami, FL 33114)

New official magazine of the Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission, this publication will highlight activities and include commentaries from world dignitaries. It will also feature articles by prominent historians and writers.

New World (Smithsonian Institution, Office of Quincentenary Programs, Washington, D.C. 20560)

A quarterly newsletter about programs sponsored by the Smithsonian. This publication will be printed in three languages (English, Spanish, and Portuguese) for distribution throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Quinto Centenario/Quincentennial (Organization of American States, General Secretariat, Washington, D.C. 20006)

Published bimonthly, this newsletter includes information on exhibits, news, activities, and events pertaining to the quincentennial.

Reforma (Newark Public Library, 5 Washington Street, P.O. Box 630, Newark, NJ 07101)

A special quincentennial column is included in this newsletter published by the national association to promote library service to the Spanish speaking population in the United States. This column will provide information about activities in various libraries and ideas for public planning.

Museums

Columbus Antiques Mall & Museum
239 Whitney Street
P.O. Box 151
Columbus, WI 53925
(414) 623-1992

This museum contains a comprehensive display of souvenirs from the 1893 Chicago Worlds Columbian Exposition and other Columbus memorabilia.

Columbus Chapel
Boal Mansion Museum
Boalsburg, PA 16827
(814) 466-6210

Included in this collection is the 16th century Christopher Columbus Chapel interior which was brought from Spain in 1909. On microfilm are archives dating from 1451 to 1902, which pertains to Columbus and his family.

Explorers Hall
17th & M Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 857-7000

Land explorations, Indian artifacts, and archaeology are some of the fields which are included in the collection.

Maritime Projects

Grand Regatta Columbus 92-Quincentenary
Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission
1801 F Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 632-1992

An international regatta consisting of tall ships and sailboats, this event is expected to arrive in the New York Harbor on July 4, 1992. For the regatta, the ship for the United States will be the 266 foot "Eagle," constructed in 1936 and with a crew of 189. The United Tall Ship Foundation is building a tall ship as a tribute to Christopher Columbus. Accompanying this regatta will be a series of exhibitions, festivals, conferences, and other special events.

Special Note: San Francisco will serve as the host city for the West Coast Tall Ships parade, which will be the main event scheduled there for October 12, 1992. A number of cultural activities, including fireworks displays and maritime conferences, are planned for both the East and West coast salutes.

Replica Caravels
Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission
1801 F Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 632-1992

Sponsored in North America by Texaco Inc., this project will involve the reproductions of the ships which Columbus sailed on his first voyage. There will be an extensive tour of the United States and the Caribbean from 1991 through 1993. The ships will visit 50 ports in the Western hemisphere, and at the end of the tour the caravels will be placed on display as a permanent gift to the American people.

Performing Arts

"Cipango!"
Columbus Countdown 1992
166-25 Powells Cove Blvd.
Beechhurst, NY 11357
(718) 767-8380

An original play written by Dr. Anne Paolucci, president of this organization. The play (which is available on video) focuses on key moments of Columbus' historical journey and on his personal tragedy as a man of vision and faith. The production is 60 minutes in length.

"Cristoforo Colombo"
Greater Miami Opera Company
1200 Coral Way
Miami, FL 33134
(305) 854-1643

The American stage premiere of this opera by Alberto Franchetti (1860-1942) will occur in Miami in October, 1991. New Orleans, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Columbus(OH) will also host this opera..

Programs

"Jews and the Encounter with the New World"
University of Michigan
Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies
206 Angel Hall
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(313) 764-7433

The Jewish participation in the encounter will be explored in lectures, panel discussions, concerts, and exhibits. This series will be presented in 1992 in Ann Arbor and four other cities in Michigan.

"An Ongoing Voyage"
Library of Congress
Quincentenary Program
Adams Building, Room G-1008
Washington, D.C. 20540
(202) 707-1992

These series of programs are designed to enhance the understanding of activities, influences, and contribution of various groups from Europe and the Americas. The library's vast resources

will be used to forge enhanced interpretations of various historic and cultural events.

Research

Institute for Early Contact Period Studies
University of Florida
Turlington Hall
Gainesville, FL 32611
(305) 392-1503

Established in anticipation of the quincentennial and funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, this institute studies the relations between Europeans and American Indians in the Bahamas, Caribbean islands, and Florida from 1492-1542. Research projects include a study of Columbus, the search for La Navidad, and the translation of a 15th century document describing the Nina.

Miscellaneous

1992 Campaign
Partners for Livable Places
1429 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 887-5990

This campaign will focus attention on the rich heritage of this hemisphere and on the past and present links with the people and nations of the Columbian era.